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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend claim 1 by deleting the bracketed subject matter and inserting the underlined material:

(amended) Biocide composition as an additive to substances susceptible to infestation by harmful organisms containing 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one as a biocidal agent, characterized in that the biocide composition contains 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate as a further biocidal agent, with the exception of biocide compositions containing 5-chloro-2-

methylisothiazolin-3-one.

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